

Take a bite out of crime

Potawatomi Tribe Establishes Referendum Group To Help **Raise Important Issues of Kenosha Proposal**

Submitted Article

Crandon, WI – Citing that the proposed Kenosha casino fails the tribe's five year policy on off-reservation casinos, the Forest County Potawatomi Community announced it has established a referendum group to help raise the important issues an increasing number of Kenosha residents and the tribe believe voters should consider before November 2.

"We are not outright opposed to a casino in Kenosha," said Jeff Crawford, the tribal Attorney General. "But there is a right way and a wrong way to have new off-reservation casinos in Wisconsin."

In 1999, the Forest County Potawatomi Community adopted a three-part policy to help it evaluate new off-reservation casino proposals. The policy has remained unchanged since that time, and states that any new off-reservation casino should: 1) Result in an overall economic benefit for Wisconsin; 2) Not merely serve as a front for non-Native American promoters; and, 3) Be located on lands once held by the tribe proposing the Stoppers March was held on October casino.

tribe's off-reservation casino policy Indian Head Start and continued criteria, Crawford asked, "Should an downtown to the Pavilion. Alabama dog track owner make millions at the expense of Wisconsin? Should an out-of-state tribe make millions at the expense of Wisconsin? Should a non-native American make millions through Indian gaming?

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Kelsey Kallies (left) and Little Brave-Trenton White (right) pose with McGruff the Crime Dog during the Kiddie Krime Stoppers March.

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The Annual Kiddie Krime 13, 2004 at 10am in Keshena. The Citing questions raised by the march started at the Menominee

> The Head Start program came up with the idea of a march in order to prevent and stop the vandalism to the Head Start centers. The march was also aimed to prevent and stop domestic violence. The cost of repairs due to vandalism went into the thousands.

In years past the march was held in Neopit from the middle school because they were having the same trouble with vandalism. It was recently moved to Keshena, a more populated area, so more of the public would see that domestic violence and vandalism has to be stopped.

The march generated a lot of community support. Participating in the march were Veterans, parents, teachers, students from KPS, Head Start and the Day Care Center, Tribal Police, and community members who just showed up to show their support.

When everyone arrived at the

Pavilion they were welcomed with refreshments. Guest Speakers about domestic violence and vandalism were: Mark Waukau-Chief of Police, Stephanie Bowman-Domestic Violence Program, Amy Waukau-Director of Menominee Nation Early Childhood/Head Start, and Jenny Thompson- FBI.

With all of the involvement, the Kiddie Krime Stoppers March seemed to have had an impact on the community. Hopefully next year the Kiddie Krime Stoppers March will have just as much or more of an impact that it did this year.

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